

Whitko Bands

2nd Semester Information

Grading

40% - Participation (10 points/day; 5 for having all materials, 5 for proper behavior)

25% - Performances

20% - Smartmusic

10% - Assignments

5% - Tests

Performances

Saturday January 20th - Advanced Band Pep Band Game, 5:30 PM

Wednesday January 24th (MS optional) - Solo/Ensemble Recital, 6:00 PM, WHS Cafeteria

Saturday January 27th - Solo/Ensemble, Carroll High School, Time TBA

Friday March 2nd or Saturday March 3rd (jazz band only) - ISSMA Jazz Festival, Concordia HS

Friday March 16th or Saturday March 17th - ISSMA Contest (WMS), Paul Harding Jr. HS Fort Wayne

Friday April 20th or Saturday April 21st - ISSMA Contest (WHS), Snider HS Fort Wayne

Monday May 7th - Spring Concert Rehearsal, WHS Auditorium, 3:00-4:30

Tuesday May 8th - Spring Concert, WHS Auditorium, 7:00 PM

Smartmusic

Instead of having weekly assignments I have assigned you a whole quarter's worth of assignments right now. They are due by the end of the quarter. You have 7 exercises, 3 sight reading excerpts, and a full piece of music that we're going to be playing for contest later on this semester. **It is very important for you to begin work on this piece of music right away.** That way, when we get to it in class, you have already learned the notes and the rhythms.

Once you have completed all of these exercises, I will assign you extra credit assignments that you can complete to improve your grade. You will not be given these extra credit assignments until you complete the required assignments, so you cannot use them to improve your grade if you do not complete the required assignments. You do not have to do these extra credit assignments, they are optional.

Responding To Feedback

One of the most important aspects of Smartmusic is the ability for me as your teacher to give you feedback based on your performance. Unfortunately I found last semester that very few of you took the time to look at that feedback. This means that the suggestions that I gave you to improve were ignored, however unintentionally.

In order for your score to get put into the gradebook you will need to complete a Google Form in response to the feedback that I give you. This will be a very quick and easy thing to do, and I would recommend that you fill out the form each time you open your next Smartmusic assignment. That way you are submitting your Response To Feedback each time you complete a new assignment. **Remember, your score will not get put into the gradebook until you fill out this form.**